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1. IN RESPONSE TO DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST, WE TRANSMIT BELOW OUR CURRENT ESTIMATE OF PARTICULAR CONCERNS WHICH FRANCE HAS IN CSCE. WE HAVE NOT REPEAT NOT ATTEMPTED TO ELABORATE ON SUBJECTS WHICH ARE OF GENERAL CONCERN TO ALL OR MOST NATO ALLIES, AND OF WHICH THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE.

2. PRINCIPLES--

(A) GENERAL--FRENCH SHARE GENERAL ALLIED GOALS OF PROTECTION OF WESTERN POSITIONS OF PRINCIPLE, ESPECIALLY IN RELATION TO GERMANY AND BERLIN, AND ATTENUATION OF THE BREZHNEV DOCTRINE.
(B) BREZHNEV DOCTRINE--FRENCH ARE STRONGLY INTERESTED IN UNDERCUTTING THE BREZHNEV DOCTRINE, AND THIS AFFECTS THEIR APPROACH TO NEARLY EVERY PRINCIPLE. FOR THE SAME REASON THEY HAVE ALSO SUPPORTED ROMANIAN PROPOSAL FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF NONE-USE OF FORCE PRINCIPLE.
(C) EQUAL VALUE--FRENCH DRAFT OF LIST OF PRINCIPLES DEFINED BASIC WESTERN APPROACH TO ISSUE OF

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EQUAL VALUE AND INTERRELATIONSHIP OF PRINCIPLES AND

FRENCH WILL WANT TO CONTINUE TO PLAY A PROMINANT ROLE
IN DISCUSSION OF THIS POINT.

(D) QUADRIPARTITE RIGHTS--FRENCH ARE VERY CON-
CERNED THAT THE PRINCIPLES DECLARATION SHOULD NOT
APPEAR TO UNDERMINE QRR IN GERMANY AND BERLIN.

3. MILITARY ASPECTS--

(A) GENERAL--FRENCH SHARE GENERAL OBJECTIVE
OF NATO ALLIES TO HAVE SOME MODEST MILITARY CONTENT
IN CSCE, IN FORM OF MEANINGFUL AGREEMENT ON CBMS.

(B) OTHER MILITARY ASPECTS--FRENCH OPPOSE ANY
REFERENCE TO MBFR IN CSCE DOCUMENTS, AND HAVE RESER-
VATIONS ABOUT GENERAL PROVISIONS WHICH MIGHT RESULT
FROM PARA 22 AND 24 OF HELSINKI RECOMMENDATIONS.

4. ECONOMICS--EC-NINE SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE ON TRADE
ISSUES, WHICH COMPRIZE THE BULK OF ECONOMIC SUBJECTS
IN CSCE. THEIR BASIC OBJECTIVE IS TO LIBERALIZE
EASTERN TRADE REGIMES, WHILE RETAINING POSSIBILITIES
FOR USE OF PROTECTIVE DEVICES AGAINST POTENTIALLY
DAMAGING EASTERN TRADE PRACTICES.

5. BASKET III--

(A) GENERAL--FRENCH SHARE GENERAL ALLIED
OBJECTIVE OF OBTAINING SOME MEANINGFUL FREER MOVEMENT
PROVISIONS, PARTICULARLY UNDER HEADINGS OF FAMILY
REUNIFICATION, MARRIAGE, TRAVEL, AUDIO-VISUAL INFOR-
MATION, WORKING CONDITIONS FOR JOURNALISTS; AND CULTURE.

(B) AVOID CAVEATS--FRENCH WANT TO AVOID LIMITING
CAVEATS ON THOSE FREER MOVEMENT PROVISIONS WHICH MAY
BE OBTAINED, SUCH AS THE SOVIET PROPOSAL THAT HUMAN
CONTACTS AGREEMENTS SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO "MUTUALLY
AGREED CONDITIONS."

(C) CULTURE--FRENCH HAVE LED WESTERN GROUP IN
MAKING PROPOSALS IN CULTURAL FIELD, AND ATTACH PARTICULAR
IMPORTANCE TO TEXT ON ACCESS TO CULTURAL ACHIEVEMENTS,
WHICH INCLUDES PROVISIONS FOR INCREASING AVAILABILITY
OF FOREIGN BOOKS, EXPANING NUMBER OF SALES OUTLETS
FOR FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS, AND ESTABLISHMENT OF LIBRARIES/
READING ROOMS FOR FOREIGN BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS.

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FRENCH ARE ALSO INTERESTED IN SPELLING OUT COMMON
CULTURAL OBJECTIVES, AND IN FACILITATING CULTURAL
CONTACTS.

(D) EDUCATION--FRENCH HAVE SPECIAL INTEREST
IN FACILITATING EXPANSION OF FRENCH-LANGUAGE INSTRU-
TION, ALTHOUGH THEY DO NOT HAVE FULL ALLIED SUPPORT
FOR GIVING THE FRENCH LANGUAGE SUCH SPECIAL RECOGNITION.

6. FOLLOW-UP--FRENCH ARE MOST RESERVED OF ALL

NATO ALLIES ON A FOLLOW-UP MECHANISM. NEVERTHELESS,
SAUVAGNARGUES HAS RECENTLY STATED IN PUBLIC THAT
FRENCH MIGHT AGREE TO PERIODIC CSCE-TYPE MEETINGS.

7. MEDITERRANEAN--FRENCH, WITH ITALIANS, SPONSORED
IDEA OF A CSCE MEDITERRANEAN DECLARATION, WHICH THEY
HOPE WILL SATISFY NEED OF NON-PARTICIPATING MEDITERRANEAN
COASTAL STATES TO HAVE SOME RELATIONSHIP TO CSCE. THEY
ARE NOW ACTIVELY PURSUING THE DRAFTING OF THIS DECLARA-
TION, WHILE ATTEMPTING TO LIMIT MEDITERRANEAN
IMPLICATIONS ELSEWHERE IN THE CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS.
FOR EXAMPLE, THEY HAVE STATED THEIR VIEW THAT THE
MALTESE PROPOSAL FOR A MEDITERRANEAN MONITORING COM-
MITTEE IS BEYOND THE MANDATE OF CSCE.

8. LEVEL OF STAGE III--UNTIL POMPIDOU'S DEATH, THE
FRENCH WERE POSSIBLE HOLD-OUTS ON A SUMMIT-
LEVEL STAGE III, AND THE FRENCH DELEGATION SWORE
POMPIDOU WOULD NEVER AGREE TO A SUMMIT. SINCE
GISCARD'S ELECTION, HOWEVER, FRENCH DEL HAS
PRIVATELY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT FRANCE WILL PROBABLY
AGREE TO A SUMMIT, AND SAUVAGNARGUES SAID RECENTLY
ON TV THAT FRANCE HAD NOT REFUSED A SUMMIT. DALE

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